

Legislative Council and Legislative Services Division

Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, MCA

The Legislative Council is composed of six senators and six representatives, among them the Senate and House leadership.¹ The other eight members are selected by the Committee on Committees and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

The Legislative Council generally oversees the activities of the Legislative Services Division (LSD) and supervises publication of Montana's statutes by a Code Commissioner assigned to the LSD staff. The Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as recodified and published by the Code Commissioner, was adopted as *prima facie* the law of Montana by Chapter 1, Laws of 1979.

If a problem needing immediate attention arises during the interim, the Legislative Council may assign a study of the problem to an appropriate committee. Section 5-11-104, MCA, allows the Council to assign such a study to either a joint interim subcommittee or an appropriate statutory committee.

Section 5-11-104, MCA, also requires the Council to review and adopt personnel and administrative policies for the Legislative Branch and assign responsibility for administration of those policies. Adopted policies must be concurred in by the Legislative Finance and Audit Committees.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

House Members

Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice-Presiding Officer (D)
750 Judicial Ave.
Billings, MT 59105
Hm: 248-6063
Glonky@aol.com

Rep. George Golie (D)
316 20th Ave. South
Great Falls, MT 59405
Wk: 454-6914, Hm: 727-3245
ggolie@in-tch.com

¹A member serving based on the member's leadership position who is in the last biennium of service because of term limits may appoint a legislator who is not term-limited to serve in his or her place.

Rep. Doug Mood (R)

P.O. Box 42
Seeley Lake, MT 59868
Wk: 677-2291, Hm: 677-2291
d_mood@hotmail.com

Rep. Mark Noennig (R)

3441 Powderhorn Circle
Billings, MT 59102
Wk: 245-6238, Hm: 652-6304
mnoennig@aol.com

Rep. Brad Newman (D)

514 N. Henry Ave.
Butte, MT 59701
Wk: 497-6237 Hm: 782-5268
bnewman@in-tch.com

Rep. Daniel W. McGee(R)

1925 Pinyon Drive
Laurel, MT 59044
Wk: 628-7703, Hm: 628-6534

Senate Members**Sen. Tom Beck, Presiding Officer (R)**

792 Yellowstone Trail
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
Hm: 846-3810
tabeck@montana.com

Sen. Chris Christiaens (D)

PO Box 2871
Great Falls, MT 59403
Wk: 727-0382, Hm: 452-0032

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)

535 Livingston Ave.
Missoula, MT 59801
Hm: 728-7723

Sen. Mack Cole (R)

HC 84 BOX 3068
Forsyth, MT 59327
Ph: 342-5400
mackjudycole@mcn.net

Sen. Steve Doherty (D)

1531 3rd Ave. SW
Great Falls, MT 59404
Wk: 452-9791, Hm: 453-7484

Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

3566 Holly Lane
Stevensville, MT 59870
Wk: 777-5005, Hm: 777-5000
fred@sipherstthomas.com

Council Staff (Legislative Services Division)**Lois Menzies, Executive Director**

State Capitol, Room 110

PO Box 201706

Helena, MT 59620-1706

Ph: 444-3064

FAX: 444-3036

lomenzies@mt.gov

The Legislative Services Division (LSD) staff acts as an independent, nonpartisan, impartial agency for the Legislature, performing those duties and functions assigned by law or as directed or requested by legislators or legislative committees.

The LSD is divided into five offices: the Central Services Office, the Office of Research and Policy Analysis, the Legal Services Office, the Office of Legislative Information Technology, and the Legislative Environmental Policy Office. The functions of the Legislative Environmental Policy Office are discussed in this publication under the Environmental Quality Council.

The **Central Services Office** staff is responsible for general LSD administration, purchasing, publication distribution, payroll and personnel matters, final preparation of LSD documents (including engrossing and enrolling of bills and preparation of introduced bills), legislative printing and distribution, and legislator information and telecommunications.

Central Services Office

Lois Menzies, Executive Director

Karen Berger, Financial Services Manager

Jennifer Murray, Accounting Technician

Debbie Bunker, Payroll, Benefits & Personnel Specialist

Lenore Adams, Purchasing & Inventory Coordinator

Kevin Hayes, Publications Coordinator/Session Information Officer

Ann Patten, Documents Services Manager

Mark Reese, Legislative Documents Technician

Kip Davis, Proofreader

The **Office of Research and Policy Analysis** and the **Legal Services Office** conduct general and specialized research. Personnel from both offices provide professional staff support to session and interim committees, draft legislation, prepare research reports, and provide information on the Legislature to the public.

The Office of Research and Policy Analysis has primary responsibility for staffing interim committees, providing reference services, and staffing a library that provides access to items of special interest to legislators and Legislative Branch staff, while the Legal Services Office is responsible for updating, editing, and indexing the Montana Code Annotated under the supervision of the Code Commissioner, who is also the Director of Legal Services.

Office of Research and Policy Analysis

Dave Bohyer, Director
Connie Erickson, Research Analyst
Susan Fox, Research Analyst
Sheri Heffelfinger, Research Analyst
Gordon Higgins, Research Analyst
Leanne Kurtz, Research Analyst
Stephen Maly, Research Analyst
Jeff Martin, Research Analyst
Vacant, Librarian
Bentley Utgaard, Library Technician
Vacant, Legislative Secretary
Lois O'Connor, Legislative Secretary
Marsha Sager, Information Officer
Karen Kueffler, Administrative
Clerk/Session Supervisor of
Legislative Printing and
Distribution

Legal Services Office

Greg Petesch, Director/Code
Commissioner
Bart Campbell, Attorney
Lee Heiman, Attorney
Valencia Lane, Attorney
John MacMaster, Attorney
Eddye McClure, Attorney
David Niss, Attorney
Doug Sternberg, Legal Researcher
Carol Ann Jacobsen, Chief Editor
Sally Bush, Senior Editor
Connie Dixon, Editor
Nadine Wallace, Indexer

The **Office of Legislative Information Technology** includes computer network and personal computer support personnel, systems analysts, and programmer/analysts who develop and maintain the programs and applications used by the Legislative Branch, including an online bill status system.

Office of Legislative Information Technology

Hank Trenk, Director

Applications Development

Steve Eller, Applications Development Supervisor
Jim Gordon, Systems Analyst
Mark Javornik, Programmer/Analyst
Marjorie Peterson, Programmer/Analyst

Network Services

Jeanette Nordahl, Network Manager
Rick Peaslee, Network Administrator
Jeff Thomas, Network Support Specialist

The **Legislative Environmental Policy Office** provides staff services to the Environmental Quality Council and is described in detail under that committee.

LSD staff may be contacted by email. In **most** cases, state employee email addresses are composed of the first letter of the staff person's first name (in some cases, the first and second letter of the first name) followed by the last name, then "@mt.gov".

Examples are:

dbohyer@mt.gov, or
lheiman@mt.gov.